

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY	)	
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	)	
Petition for Approval of a Revision	)	Docket No. 00-0361
to Decommissioning Expense Adjustment Rider	)	
to Take Effect on Transfer of ComEd's	)	
Generating Stations.	)	

**NOTICE OF FILING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on this date, August 21, 2000, we have filed with the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission the enclosed People's Response To Hearing Examiners' Request Of August 1, 2000 on behalf Of The People Of The State Of Illinois' in the above-captioned docket by submitting it via the e-docket system.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, R. Lawrence Warren, a Senior Assistant Attorney General , hereby certify that I served the above identified documents upon all active parties of record on the attached service list by United States Mail, first class postage prepaid on August 21, 2000.

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**PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO HEARING EXAMINERS'**  
**REQUEST OF AUGUST 1, 2000**

**NOW COMES** the People of the State of Illinois, by James E. Ryan, Attorney General of Illinois ("People" or "A.G."), and file their Response to Hearing Examiners' Request of August 1, 2000, as follows.

1. The NRC will monitor the fund in accordance with 10 CFR 50.75. The NRC requires assurances each year that there are sufficient funds for decommissioning.
2. This question is directed specifically to ComEd.
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4. This question is answered by Peoples witness David Effron in Schedule DJE-2, Page 3, Column (6) accompanying his direct testimony. The projections of the balances upon decommissioning assume a return on investments of 7.4% and no further contributions to the funds after 2000. Schedule DJE-2, p.3 is attached.
5. This question is directed specifically to ComEd.
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7. Based upon testimony filed by other intervenors, the People maintain that economies of scale will effect decommissioning costs. Their witness Effron has not studied the possibility of any such economies of scale and cannot comment further at this time.
8. With regard to entombment, People's witness Effron understands that it is an option for decommissioning and that it would reduce the cost of decommissioning in present value dollars as compared to immediate dismantling ( See, Effron Direct Testimony at 10, line 8-189). Effron has not studied technological advancements or the possibility of recycling spent fuel rods and offers no comment at this time.
9. The People believe that after the asset transfer takes place, ComEd, pursuant to the plain language of the Contribution Agreement, will be the agent of Genco. ComEd will be nothing more than a collection agent for Genco, and be compensated for such task by Genco. As such any collections of money from ratepayers by ComEd will, from general agency law principals, legally be made by Genco. Therefore, since Genco is not a public utility subject to supervision by the Commission, the Commission has no authority to approve any collection of decommissioning funds by Genco or its agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY**  
**DECOMMISSIONING FUND REQUIREMENTS -OPERATING UNITS**  
**WITH LICENSE EXTENSIONS FOR ALL UNITS**  
(\$Million)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
<u>Unit</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Decom</u>	<u>Decom</u>	<u>Future</u>	<u>Decom</u>	<u>Fut Val</u>	<u>FV</u>	<u>PV</u>
	<u>Expir.</u>	<u>1999\$</u>	<u>Future\$</u>	<u>PV of</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>of Decom</u>	<u>Excess</u>	<u>Excess</u>
				<u>Decom\$</u>	<u>1999\$</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
Dresden 2	2026	385.0	1,142.2	1,059.5	288.2	1,980.7	921.2	134.0
Dresden 3	2031	404.8	1,469.8	1,362.4	262.2	2,575.0	1,212.6	123.5
QuadCities 1	2032	289.0	1,091.8	1,012.7	192.1	2,026.1	1,011.4	96.1
QuadCities 2	2032	291.9	1,102.7	1,022.8	193.2	2,037.7	1,014.9	96.2
LaSalle 1	2042	407.0	2,300.2	2,133.6	226.3	4,873.8	2,740.2	127.2
LaSalle 2	2043	438.8	2,581.9	2,394.8	221.9	5,132.7	2,737.9	118.4
Byron 1	2044	328.0	2,009.2	1,863.7	169.7	4,215.7	2,352.1	94.7
Byron 2	2046	363.6	2,414.0	2,239.1	156.6	4,487.4	2,248.2	78.5
Braidwood 1	2046	328.0	2,177.8	2,020.0	154.3	4,421.5	2,401.4	83.8
Braidwood 2	2047	389.9	2,695.5	2,500.2	154.4	4,751.7	2,251.5	73.2

Present Excess Value of Decom Funds

1,025.5

Column Notes

- (1) Response to CUB 2-38. with 20 years added to all units
- (2) Schedule DJE-4, Page 1
- (3) Column (2) escalated to license expiration
- (4) Column (3) X Decom Factor over Time from Schedule DJE-2. Page 4
- (5) Response to AG-1-4
- (6) Column (5) grown to license expiration, at assumed return on investment
- (7) Column (6)-Column (4)
- (8) Present Value of Column (7)

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